India-France talks on Deffence

780. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India and France had a talk in Paris recently for transfer of technology for manufacture of Mirage 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other areas of understanding reached with France during the discussion?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited alongwith the Indian Air Force has participated in joint technical discussions with M/s. Dassault Aviation, M/s. Thales and M/s. Snecma, France to assess the feasibility of production and transfer of technology for manufacture of Mirage 2000-5 MK II aircraft. The discussions are at a preliminary stage.

Compensation to soldiers killed during Kargil War

†781. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers killed during the Kargil war;

(b) the number of soldiers killed since the end of Kargil war till date;

(c) whether Government have given full compensation to the next of kin of those killed during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The number of soilders killed during Kargil Conflict is as under:

Officers	Junior Commissioned Officers	Other Ranks	Total
26	23	473	522

(b) The details of soilders killed thereafter upto 22nd November, 2002 are as under:

Officers	Junior Commissioned Officers	Other Ranks	Total
108	150	1496	1754

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.